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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 25th April 1949

No. 36(1)-T.B./49.—The period of protection to the Sericulture Industry was due to expire on the 31st March, 1949. The Tariff Board was asked to examine in detail the question of protection enjoyed by this industry and to report to Government what protective measures, if any, should be continued after the expiry of the period of protection.

2. The Tariff Board, having considered the matter, has submitted its report. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (i) The protective duty on raw silk, item 46 of the Tariff (excluding silk waste and noils), should be raised to 80 per cent. *ad valorem plus* Rs. 15-12-0 per lb. If at any time, the c.i.f. price of imported raw silk falls below Rs. 12-8-5 so as to render the scheme of protection ineffective, Section 4(1) of the Indian Tariff Act of 1934 should be invoked to raise the specific duty by a suitable amount. The existing duty of 80 per cent. *ad valorem* on silk waste and noils, item 46(1) of the Tariff, should continue.
- (ii) The same rate of duty should be levied on silk yarn (including thrown silk warps) as on raw silk *vis.*, 80 per cent. *ad valorem plus* Rs. 15-12-0 per lb., (item 47 of the Tariff).
- (iii) An *ad valorem* duty of 80 per cent. plus a specific duty of Rs. 4-8-0 per lb., should be levied on yarn spun from silk waste, (item 47 of the Tariff).
- (iv) A duty of 80 per cent. *ad valorem* should be levied on noil yarns (item 47 of the Tariff).
- (v) The existing rate of duty, *vis.*, 30 per cent. *ad valorem* should be continued on silk sewing thread [item 47(1) of the Tariff].
- (vi) An *ad valorem* duty of 75 per cent. and a specific duty of Rs. 5-8-0 per lb., should be levied on pongee, [item 48(a) of the Tariff].
- (vii) A protective duty of 30 per cent. *ad valorem* should be levied on fuji, boseki and corded, [item 48 (b) of the Tariff].
- (viii) An *ad valorem* duty of 75 per cent. and a specific duty of Rs. 4 per lb., should be levied on other silk fabrics covered by tariff item 48 (c).
- (ix) The proposed duties on the various items of raw silk, silk yarn and silk fabrics should remain, in force until 31st March, 1952.

(x) Other forms of assistance:—

provision of adequate funds and other facilities for sericultural resea

a central seed station for foreign races of silk worms, enactment of suitable legislative measures for controlling silk worm diseases, introduction of compulsion by stages for the use of disease-free silk worm seeds, improvements in charka reeling to be effected by the Sericultural Departments in the Provinces and States concerned, establishment of two more conditioning and testing houses for standardization and grading of silk, inclusion of the B.Sc. degree in sericulture as a course of study in the curriculum of the Universities situated in the sericultural Provinces, facilities to be provided by the Government of India for the training of experts in foreign countries and assistance to be rendered by the Central Government for securing machinery and equipment for the industry.

3. Government accept recommendations (i) to (vi) and (viii) and (ix). With regard to item (vii) having regard to revenue and other considerations Government have decided that the rate of duty on articles covered by item 48 (b) should be the same as for 48 (a). A Notification under Section 4 (1) of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 modifying the duties accordingly is being issued.

4. With regard to recommendation (ix), the period of protection to the sericulture industry has already been extended up to the 31st March, 1951. Steps will be taken in due course to extend the period for a further year.

5. Government accept recommendation (x) in principle and appropriate action will be taken.

ORDER

ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all Provincial Governments, all Chief Commissioners, Ministry of External Affairs, and the several Ministries of the Government of India, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Cabinet Sectt., the Private and Military Secretaries to His Excellency the Governor-General, the Central Board of Revenue, the Auditor General, the Director General of Employment and Resettlement, the Director General, Industry and Supply, the High Commissioners for India in London, Colombo, Ottawa, Karachi and Canberra, the Indian Ambassadors at Nanking, Moscow, Tehran, Kathmandu, Rangoon, Cairo, Kabul, Ankara, Washington, Prague, and Rio de Janeiro, Charge d' Affairs of India in Paris and Brussels, Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary of India, Bangkok and Berne; Consuls General for India in Batavia; Buenos Aires, Shanghai, Pondichery, Saigon, Kashgar, New York, and San Francisco; The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Lahore, London and Dacca; The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, Johannesburg; Agents of the Government of India in Kandy and Kuala Lumpur; Consuls for India at Saigon, Goa, and Jeddah; Vice Consuls for India at Medan and Zehedan; The Indian Political Officer, Sikkim; The Representative of the Government of India in Singapore; The Commissioners for the Government of India in Trinidad, Nairobi, Mauritius, and Fiji; Head of the Indian Liaison Mission, Tokyo; Head of the Military Mission, Berlin; Indian Government Trade Commissioners in Toronto, Sydney, Mombassa, Colombo, Paris and Karachi; Assistant Indian Government Trade Commissioner, Dacca; Commercial Adviser to the High Commissioner in U.K., London; Commercial Secretaries to the Indian Embassies at Alexandria, Rio De Janeiro, Rangoon, Tehran and Kabul; Commissioner General for Commercial and Economic Affairs in Europe, Paris; His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner in India; United States Embassy, New Delhi; The Canadian Trade Commissioner in India; The Australian Trade Commissioner in India; The Norwegian Consul General, Bombay; The High Commissioner for Pakistan in India; New Delhi; The Directors of Industries of Saurashtra Union, Rajkot, the Union

of Matsya, Alwar; the United State of Vindhya Pradesh, Rewa; the State of Rajasthan, Udaipur, Gwalior, Indore, Malwa Union, Gwalior; Patiala and East Punjab States Union, Patiala; Editor, Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research, P-Block, Raisina Road, New Delhi; Indian Consul of Agriculture Research; Indian Standard Institution, Delhi; Free India Service, Tamrind House, Tamrind Lane, Fort Bombay; The Economic Adviser to the Government of India; Economic Adviser to the Rajasthan Union; The Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta; The Secretary, Indian Tariff Board, Bombay; The Secretary, Industrial Finance Corporation of India, New Delhi; and All recognised Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations.

ORDERED that a copy be communicated to the Government of Burma.

ORDERED also that it be published in the Gazette of India.

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 25th April 1949

No. 36(1)-T.B./49.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 (1) of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (XXXII of 1934), the Central Government is pleased to modify to the extent and in the manner indicated in the annexed table, the customs duties leviable on the articles specified in items 46, 47 and 48 of the First Schedule to the said Act.

TABLE

Item No. of Tariff	Name of article	Existing rate of duty	Modified duty
1	2	3	4
46	Silk, raw (excluding silk waste and noils), and silk cocoons.	25 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus 14 annas per lb. plus one-fifth of the total duty.	30 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus Rs. 15-12-0. per lb.
47	Silk yarn including thrown silk warps and yarn spun from silk waste or noils but excluding sewing thread.	25 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus 14 annas per lb. plus one-fifth of the total duty.	
	(a) Silk yarn including thrown silk warps but excluding sewing thread		30 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus Rs. 15-12-0 per lb.
	(b) Yarn spun from silk waste excluding sewing thread.		30 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus Rs. 4-8-0 per lb.
	(c) Yarn spun from noils excluding sewing thread.		30 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> .
48	Fabrics, not otherwise specified, containing more than 90 per cent of silk, including such fabrics embroidered with artificial silk.		
	(a) Pongee	50 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus Re. 1/- per lb. plus one-half of the total duty.	75 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus Rs. 5-8-0 per lb.
	(b) Fuji, Boseki, and corded (excluding white cord).	50 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus Rs. 1-8-0 per lb. plus one-half of the total duty.	75 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus Rs. 5-8-0 per lb.
	(c) Other sorts	50 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus Rs. 2 per lb. plus one-half of the total duty.	75 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> plus Rs. 4 per lb.

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